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Imlay City student takes second in Earth Day contest

LANSING – Tamryn Jade Sanderson-Smith of Imlay City took second place in her grade level in the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality’s statewide Earth Day poster contest, announced Sen. Jud Gilbert and Rep. John Stahl.

“I congratulate Tamryn on her accomplishment and am proud to represent such a fine young lady,” said Gilbert, R-Algonac. “She has shown great talent and creativity while teaching us an important lesson about the environment.”

Tamryn is a fourth grader at Chatfield School in Lapeer. Her poster features the Earth as a puzzle surrounded by the words, “Build a cleaner, healthier environment, Please do your part, together we can succeed.” She was presented with her award in Lansing on Thursday.

The contest was launched in December 2004 as a way to encourage kindergarten through fifth-grade students to creatively demonstrate what Earth Day means to them.

The DEQ received more than 1,500 entries from schools throughout Michigan. Other winners came from Traverse City, Grand Rapids, Bay City, Canton and Detroit.

“Tamryn has beautifully conveyed the meaning and spirit of Earth Day,” said Stahl, R-North Branch. “She is an asset to our community. Lapeer County has no shortage of good kids who are making positive contributions to the area.”

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Editor’s note: A downloadable photo of Sen. Jud Gilbert and Rep. John Stahl with Tamryn Jade Sanderson-Smith and her family is available on the Senate Majority Photowire at:

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